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## **FVAP ANNOUNCES NEW FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ADMINISTER FOCUS GROUPS**

August 26, 2011 — Arlington, Va. - The Federal Voting Assistance Program (FVAP) has submitted a request for proposals for the execution of focus groups to include protocol development, recruitment, conduction of the studies, compilation of the results, and findings analysis meant to address many of the questions that have previously been addressed in surveys and other quantitative methods, the purpose of which is to determine the key variables and issues and how they attribute to Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) voters' failure to successfully cast ballots at the same rates as the overall population.

The experiences of UOCAVA voters have been assessed largely through survey instruments and from questions designed from the "top down" by FVAP and vendor staff. FVAP aims to develop an additional component to the traditional survey through focus groups of UOCAVA voters and non-voters in order to determine what, if any, steps need to be taken to improve the UOCAVA process and FVAP's ability to assist military and overseas voters in exercising their right to vote. Some topics that will be addressed are items such as information exposure, the application and delivery process, interest/disinterest in the electoral process and internet usage.

For additional information on the request for proposals, please view the proposal on the [FedBizOpps website](#).

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*If you'd like more information on the Federal Voting Assistance Program or need help with the absentee voting process please go to [www.fvap.gov](http://www.fvap.gov) or contact the FVAP at 703-588-1584 (toll free 1-800-438-VOTE) or email the program at [VOTE@FVAP.GOV](mailto:VOTE@FVAP.GOV).*